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CLAIMS

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What is claimed is:

- 1. A pedal extension for small pianists on a multiple pedal piano, one pedal being a damper pedal, comprising:
- (a) a rectangular box having a first side with four feet contacting a floor, a second opposing side forming a footrest; a front end facing the piano, two vertical sides separating the side with four feet from the footrest side at a usable height and to form a storage space within the box;
- (b) a pressure bar on the front end of the box for fastening the box to at least one of the piano pedals;
- (c) a push knob in contact with the piano damper pedal, said push knob on one end of a threaded rod disposed vertically through a slot in said footrest side;
- (d) an extension pedal having a threaded hole therein, with said threaded rod screwed through the hole, wherein the extension pedal has one end fastened to the footrest side via a hinge, and
- (e) a rod-length-adjusting knob on the opposing end of said threaded rod, with said adjusting knob adjusted to lift the extension pedal from the footrest side.
- 2. The pedal extension of claim 1 further comprising: means for carrying the box as a portable briefcase.
- 25 3. The pedal extension of claim 2 further wherein: said means for carrying the box includes a handle, a shoulder strap, or back straps.
 - 4. The pedal extension of claim 1 further comprising:

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height-adjustable feet mounted on each vertical side, wherein increasing the height of the adjustable feet increases the force of the pressure bar on at least one piano pedal.

- 5 5. The pedal extension of claim 1, wherein:
 the damper pedal has an outer end; and
 the push knob is positioned near the outer end of the damper pedal to
 improve leverage.
- 10 6. The pedal extension of claim 1, wherein:
 the container has a height between approximately 10 and 20 centimeters.
- 7. The pedal extension of claim 1, wherein: 15 the footrest side is reinforced to act as a step.

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